

### **Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Previously Presented) A method for providing salary data to a self designated survey group, comprising the steps of:
  - establishing a salary survey service on a server for storing and accessing salary data;
  - accepting memberships from a plurality of members to the salary survey service;
  - storing the salary data from at least a portion of the members in a database associated with the server;
  - aging said salary data for at least a portion of said stored salary data;
  - grouping a portion of the plurality members into survey group designated by the portion of the plurality of members;
  - generating a salary survey for the survey group using the stored salary data provided by members of the survey group; and
  - providing access via an Internet to the salary survey.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein members of the survey group are from at least one of a same industry, revenue size, profession, or geographic region.

3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the plurality of members to the salary service comprise companies.

4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the plurality of members to the salary service comprise individuals.

5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the plurality of members to the salary service comprise trade associations.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of accepting memberships comprises accepting contributor memberships and subscriber memberships.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of grouping further includes the step of receiving designations indicating the members to be included in the survey group.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of generating further includes the step of receiving parameters defining information to be presented by the salary survey.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of providing access further comprises the step of providing access to only members of the survey group.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of providing access further comprises the step of providing access to the plurality of members of the salary survey service.

11. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the salary data relates to predetermined job positions.

12. (Previously Presented) A method for providing salary data to a survey group, comprising the steps of:

establishing a salary survey service on a server for storing and accessing salary data;

accepting salary data from a plurality of participants to the salary survey service;

storing the salary data from the participants in a database associated with the server;

receiving designations from the participants indicating the particular participants to be included in a survey group;

grouping a portion of the participants into the survey group designated by a portion of the plurality of participants;

receiving parameters defining information to be presented by the salary survey;

providing participants with the ability to select particular job titles which are surveyed;

generating a salary survey for the survey group using the stored salary data provided by members of the survey group; and

providing access via an Internet to the salary survey.

13. (Original) The method of Claim 12, wherein members of the survey group are from at least one of a same industry, revenue size, profession, or geographic region.

14. (Original) The method of Claim 12, wherein the plurality of members to the salary service comprise companies.

15. (Original) The method of Claim 12, wherein the plurality of members to the salary service comprise individuals.

16. (Original) The method of Claim 12, wherein the plurality of members to the salary service comprise trade associations.

17. (Original) The method of Claim 12, wherein the step of providing access further comprises the step of providing access to only members of the survey group.

18. (Original) The method of Claim 12, wherein the step of providing access further comprises the step of providing access to the plurality of members of the salary survey service.

19. (Original) The method of Claim 12, wherein the salary data relates to predetermined job positions.

20. (Currently Amended) A system for providing survey data to participants of a survey group via an Internet, comprising:

a database for storing salary data; and

a server providing access to the Internet, said server configured to:

accept salary data from participants of a salary survey service;  
store the salary data received from at least a portion of the  
participants in the database;  
~~aging~~ age said salary data for at least a portion of said stored salary data;  
group a portion of the plurality of participants into a survey group  
designated by the portion of the plurality of participants;  
generate a salary survey for participants of the survey group using the stored  
salary data provided by the participants of the survey group; and  
provide access to the salary survey via the Internet.

21. (Previously Presented) A system according to Claim 20, wherein  
participants of the survey group are from at least one of a same industry, revenue size,  
profession, or geographic region.

22. (Previously Presented) A system according to Claim 20, wherein the  
plurality of participants to the salary service comprise companies.

23. (Previously Presented) A system according to Claim 20, wherein the  
plurality of participants to the salary service comprise individuals.

24. (Previously Presented) A system according to Claim 20, wherein the plurality of participants to the salary service comprise trade associations.

25. (Previously Presented) A system according to Claim 20, wherein said participants comprise contributing members and subscriber members.

26. (Previously Presented) A system according to Claim 20, wherein the server is further configured to receive designations indicating the participants to be included in the survey group.

27. (Previously Presented) A system according to Claim 20, wherein the server is further configured to receive parameters defining information to be presented by the salary survey.

28. (Currently Amended) A system according to Claim 20, wherein the server is further configured to provide access to only participants of the survey group.

29. (Currently Amended) A system according to Claim ~~[[1]]~~ 20, wherein the server is further configured to provide access to the plurality of participants of the salary survey service.

30. (Currently Amended) A system according to Claim ~~[[1]]~~ 20, wherein the salary data is related to predetermined job positions.

31. (Currently Amended) A method according to Claim 1 wherein said salary data is aged by an annual growth rate.